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COUNTRY SOUTH VIETNAM

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SOURCE THIS IS A SOUTH VIETNAM SITUATION REPORT PREPARED AT 1700 HOURS LOCAL TIME ON
4 NOVEMBER 1963 BY CAS.

GENERAL

1. BEHIND SURFACE CALM, WITH CONTINUED EVIDENT SATISFACTION ON PART OF THE POPULACE OVER RECENT EVENTS, REVOLUTIONARY MILITARY COMMITTEE, HEADED BY GENERAL DUONG VAN MINH, WAS ENGAGED IN EFFORTS, DESCRIBED BY SOME AS "INDECISIVE," TO ORGANIZE WORKABLE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT. THEIR EFFORTS WERE AIMED AT RESOLVING CERTAIN DIFFERENCES AMONG MILITARY AND BETWEEN MILITARY AND CIVILIAN GROUPS AS TO WHO IS ACCEPTABLE. LATE, BUT UNCONFIRMED REPORTS, SUGGEST THEIR DIFFERENCES MAY HAVE BEEN OVERCOME AND THAT THE COMPOSITION OF THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT MAY BE ANNOUNCED SHORTLY.

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2. FOLLOWING IMPORTANT PERSONS HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN ARRESTED WITHIN THE PAST 24 HOURS.

A. TRAN QUOC BUU: ARRESTED THIS MORNING. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] OF THE AMBASSADOR HAS REQUESTED BUU'S RELEASE. AS OF 1400 HOURS THIS AFTERNOON BUU, HOWEVER, WAS STILL MISSING. COUP COMMITTEE INSISTS NO RPT NO OFFICIAL ORGAN ARRESTED BUU. COMMITTEE WILL MAKE RADIO APPEAL FOR INFO LEADING TO LIBERATION BUU.

B. NGUYEN PHONG THIEP: A PROMINENT MEMBER OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, HE WAS ARRESTED AT ABOUT 1730 HRS 3 NOV, AND HIS WIFE TOOK REFUGE WITH MRS. DO VAN LY, WIFE OF GVN AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON.

C. TRAN KIM TUYEN: WAS ARRESTED ABOUT MIDDAY TODAY BY A MAJOR NGHIA AND A COLONEL BUI. THEY CAME TO TUYEN'S HOME SHORTLY AFTER NOONTIME WHILE STAN KARNOW OF SATURDAY EVENING POST

WAS INTERVIEWING TUYEN; SAID GEN KHIEM WANTED TUYEN TO COME TO HIS HEADQUARTERS. BIG MINH TOLD RELIABLE AMERICAN SOURCE TUYEN ARRESTED FOR PLOTTING COUNTERCOUP.

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3. FOLLOWING VIETNAMESE REPORTED EN ROUTE TO SAIGON:

A. FROM PARIS: NGUYEN TON HOAN AND HO TONG MINH

B. FROM USA: TRAN VAN CHUONG

VO VAN HAI, FORMER PRESIDENTIAL SECRETARY, REPORTED WORKING CLOSELY WITH GEN DUONG VAN MINH.

4. THICH TRI QUANG AND HIS TWO COLLEAGUES DEPARTED EMBASSY AT ABOUT 1100 HOURS AND ARE REPORTED TO BE AT XA LOI PAGODA.

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ARRESTED

A VC LIAISON AGENT, AN 18 YEAR OLD GIRL, WHO ATTEMPTED SUICIDE ENROUTE TO LOCK UP POINT. SHE HAD 11 GRENADES IN HER POSSESSION AND CLAIMED THAT ABOUT 40 GRENADES WERE TO BE TOSSED IN CITY THIS EVENING.

.MILITARY

6. SOLDIERS REMAIN GUARDING KEY INSTALLATIONS BUT ARE MUCH LESS EVIDENT THAN YESTERDAY. ORDER OF BATTLE INFORMATION IS AT BEST CONFUSED, BUT WE DO NOTE THAT A NUMBER OF UNITS NOW IN OR NEAR SAIGON, INCLUDING MOST OF THE ARMOR, THE MARINES, AND ELEMENTS FROM 5TH DIVISION, WERE PART OF TRAN KIM TUYEN'S

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CONTRIBUTION TO COUP FORCES. ALTHOUGH TUYEN WAS ARRESTED TODAY, HIS ORGANIZATION MAY BE TEMPTED TO TAKE DRASTIC ACTION IF NEW GOVERNMENT IS NOT PROMPTLY FORMED.

7. FIELD DISSEM. STATE, ARMY, NAVY, AIR, USMACV, MAAG, AID, USIA, 2ND AIR DIVISION, 9TH FIELD STATION, CINCPAC, PACFLT, PACAF, ARPAC.

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